



NEW ORLEANS

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Orientation

If you have not gone through orientation, please join us at 400 N. Jefferson Davis Parkway from **9:00-10:30 AM on December 6th**

Ebola Training

We will conduct our second Ebola training that will the basics of Ebola, temperature monitoring, call center operations and door to door outreach from **10:30 -12:00 on December 6th** following orientation.

2015 Kick-off Party

Be on the lookout for more information regarding our 2015 Kickoff Party in January

CONTACT SARAH BABCOCK FOR DETAILS



Louisiana Takes Action Against Ebola

October was an eventful month for Ebola. Our nation experienced its first two transmitted cases in Dallas, TX with two healthcare workers that were treating an Ebola patient, as well as a case in New York with a returning volunteer. Policies for quarantine stations and travel have become more stringent and many states have worked to strengthen their current policies and better protect their residents. In Louisiana, we experienced a couple scares, but no confirmed cases. However, the state has taken measures to enhance Ebola prevention efforts, which includes the monitoring of any returning travelers from Ebola stricken regions.

So how does New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps fit into the new state Ebola mandates? Volunteers have the opportunity to get trained to assist with Ebola related activities in the event of a case. Possible activities include, but are not limited to:

- **Door-to-door outreach in at-risk communities to educate residents on Ebola and prevention after receiving a suspected case**
- **Volunteering as a call center operator to answer public inquiries regarding Ebola**
- **Temperature monitoring of quarantined individuals**

While we are hoping for the best, we do realize that Ebola will not be going away for some time and will require us to be ready at all times in the event we receive a case. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in future Ebola responses, please contact Sarah Babcock at sababcock@nola.gov and be sure to sign up for future trainings. Also, we would like to send a huge Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with handing out information at the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene conference!



NOMRC and NOHD volunteers participate in temperature monitoring training.



Nina volunteers at the ASTMH Conference passing out information on Ebola.

We are always looking for more NOMRC members. Do you have any friends who would be interested? Please have them attend orientation on December 6th!

672 Hours

Volunteered by NOMRC members in 2014

32 Hours

Volunteered in October

HURRICANE OUTREACH RESULTS

Following the 2013 hurricane season, New Orleans Health Department developed plans to more efficiently and effectively reach at-risk populations along with the multiple organizations that currently do preparedness outreach. After receiving a \$20,000 grant for the Medical Reserve Corps from the National Association of City and County Health Officials, the health department worked to create 8 new outreach materials and worked with the MRC and community partners to distribute the materials throughout the parish. With the help of MRC volunteers this past year, we have been able to:

- Distribute over 23,000 brochures
- Train 103 community partners at 10 training sessions
- Reach over 1,200 households at 49 community outreach events
- Enroll 358 new at-risk individuals in the Special Needs Registry through 29 enrollment events
- Reach 23 at-risk individuals through door to door outreach
- Conduct 145 hours of service

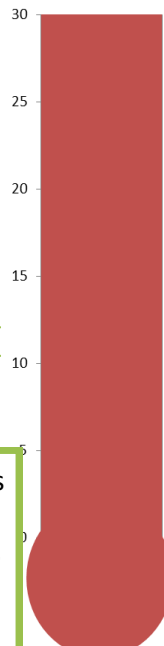
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New NOMRC Members in 2014



As of this month we have surpassed our goal of 30 MRC members by the end of 2014! We just want to say thank you to all of our volunteers, new and old, for volunteering your time to make a difference in New Orleans. We appreciate all that you do. Everyone be on the look out for the details on our 2015 Kick-off party.

CASPER 2014

On October 14th, New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps teamed up with volunteers from the U.S. Public Health Service, New Orleans Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, DHH Office of Public Health, and New Orleans EMS to conduct a community needs assessment to gauge preparedness levels of residents that currently utilize RTA's para-transit services. Twenty-six volunteers came together to make this effort possible. Community Needs Assessments are an important part of what we do as a unit. They help us to identify populations that are in need of preparedness education or services and allow us to find ways to better serve and reach at-risk populations.

Our October orientation class brought in another large group of new members! We oriented eight new MRC volunteers and are excited for them to join our team. We just want to send a huge MRC welcome to Brianne Riggin-Hannce, Cheryl Hickey, Ian Wisecerver, Lila Arnauel, Michael Lauth, Scott Revell, Susan Todd and Thy-Mai Nguyen!

NEW MEMBER

WELCOME!